

2. Daniel Interprets the king's dream
 - The dream **repressed** (2:17-18)
 - The dream's **Revealer** (2:20-23; 28)
 - The dream **reviewed** (2:44)
 - God holds the future. To **secure** your future, hold on to God.

3. Daniel's friends: The fiery furnace
 - The **accusation** (3:12)
 - The **acquittal** (3:16-18)
 - Are we willing to face a **furnace** of fire to help other avoid the **lake** of fire?

4. Daniel's king submits to Daniel's God
 - The **revelation** of the tree (4:17, 25, 32)
 - The **restoration** of the king (4:34-37)
 - God is sovereign – **show** it!
 - A personal testimony is powerful – **share** it.

5. Daniel's interpretation at Belshazzar's feast
 - God's **communication** (5:21-23)
 - Babylon's **condemnation** (5:30-31)
 - Do not underestimate the impact of one godly life! Will it be **yours**?

6. Daniel in the lion's den
 - The **plot** against Daniel (6:5)
 - The **protection** of Daniel (6:26-27)
 - God rescued Daniel. He did not rescue Jesus. Trust Him **regardless** of the outcome.

7. Daniel's vision of 4 beasts & the Ancient of Days
 - The vision of **the four beasts**
 - The vision of the **Ancient of Days** (7:9-10)
 - The vision of the **Son of Man** (7:13-14)
 - The vision of the **Antichrist**
 - God is sovereign; **trust** His plan

8. Daniel's vision of the ram, goat & little horn
 - The vision of the **ram**
 - The vision of the **goat**
 - The vision of the **small horn** (8:26-27)
 - Keep **servicing** where God has placed you, even if you are **confused** about His plan

9. Daniel's prayer and vision of seventy weeks
 - The **prayer** (9:3, 14, 19)
 - The **prophecy** (9:24-27)
 - God's Word led Daniel to pray. Will I **follow** his example?
 - God is in the details. Will I trust Him with the **details** of my life?

10. Daniel's vision on the bank of the Tigris
 - The **vision** (10:5-6)
 - The **interaction** (10:12-13; 17-18)
 - Wrestling in prayer is **exhausting** work, but one is **strengthened** afterwards

11. Daniel's vision regarding the nations
 - Prophecies already fulfilled (11:32b-33)
 - Prophecies yet to be fulfilled (11:45b)
 - God is sovereign, but man is still **responsible**

12. Daniel's vision regarding Israel
 - The angel Michael
 - The final judgments
 - The timing and sealing of the book
 - Keep doing your daily duties: **Live** well then **die** well to the glory of God

III. Conclusion: Some final thoughts on Daniel [to Daniel]

- *Be faithful in your time with God and you will become more teachable.*
- *Ask questions of God and seek Him for the answers. Learn to depend on Him.*
- *Keep discovering truths about God and watch as His majesty and glory grows in your sight.*
- *Though much of the book focused on prophecy, the lasting image is one of a man faithful in prayer and devoted to walking with God. May that be the legacy of your life.*
- **DARE TO BE A DANIEL!**
DARE TO STAND ALONE!
DARE TO HAVE A PURPOSE FIRM!
DARE TO MAKE IT KNOWN!

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. *What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)*
2. *Which applications from the review most impact your life and why?*
3. *What items revealed in the book of Daniel do you want to study more to better understand and why?*
4. *What stuck out to you from the conclusion?*
5. *Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)*

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"A Relook at the Book of Daniel!"
(Daniel 1-12)

I. Introduction:

- A. **The Illustration:** Vacation
- B. **The Information:** Viewpoint
- C. **The Instruction:** Value
 - **The Author:** Daniel
 - **The Audience:** Jewish people in captivity
 - **The Attributes:** Prose and Poetry
 - **The Argument:** The themes
 - The **sovereignty** of God over the realms of man
 - The **schedule** of God for the realms of man
 - The **security** of God for His covenant people
 - **The Attitude:** An **uncompromising** life!

II. Exposition: Standing Under the Sovereignty of God (Dan. 1-12)

- A. **The survey**
 1. Daniel interpreted visions of others (Dan. 1-6)
 - Mostly **historical** in nature
 - Mostly written in **Aramaic**
 - Mostly dealing with **Gentile nations**
 2. Daniel's visions are interpreted (Daniel 7-12)
 - Mostly **prophetical** in nature
 - Mostly written in **Hebrew**
 - Mostly dealing with **Israel**
- B. **The specifics**
 1. Daniel's convictions and excellence
 - His **captivity and convictions** (1:8)
 - His **excellence and exaltation** (1:12-15)
 - God-honoring convictions lead to God-honoring **citations**.